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Conf. No. 1699

Art Unit 2877

Docket No. 861452.0001

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1)

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby requests a three-month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action mailed March 25, 2003 to thereby extend the period for response from June 25, 2003, to September 25, 2003.

The small-entity fee associated with such an extension is \$465.00, upon which authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account 50-1631. If any additional fee is

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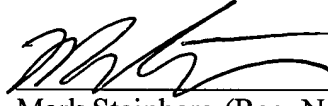
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required, please accept this as authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1631. **A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.**

Respectfully submitted,

Date : September 25, 2003


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